

Mr. P. Joseph John (*Electrical Engineer to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) As the expenditure involved was out of proportion to the return expected, the extension is left over for consideration to later date when materials become cheaper and load improves. Extension of telephone facilities is being included in the programme of extensions during the next 7 years.

Telephone Public Call Office at Nedumangad.

180 *Mr. K. Shahul Hameed: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telephone Public Call Office was sanctioned at Nedumangad town in 1120; and

(b) whether the sanction has been implemented?

Mr. P. Joseph John: (a) No. It was sanctioned in 1121.

(b) The work sanctioned in 1121 will be taken up early in 1122.

Supply of Electricity.

181. *Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the several line extension schemes sanctioned for the supply of electricity; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for line extension to Kadapra and Mannar in view of the new sugar factory to be opened at Kadapra?

Mr. P. Joseph John: (a) A list of line extensions sanctioned in 1121 M. E. is placed on the table.

(b) Not at present.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: With regard to answer (a), may I invite the honourable member's attention to clause 15 in the schedule—line extension to Valanjavattam? May I know from which station the extension of the line is proposed?

Mr. P. Joseph John: From Thiruvella.

Extension of electric lights.

182. *Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there has been any requisition to extend the lines and the number of electric lights within Thiruvalla Municipal limits?

Mr. P. Joseph John: Yes.

Extension of electricity.

183. *Mr. N. Madhavan Namboothiri (*Travancore Jemies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representation from the people of Thuravoor showing the necessity and importance of extending the electric wires from Shertallai town up to Adoor; and

* *Vide Appendix III.*

(b) whether they are aware that the extending of the electric wires up to Aroor is an unavoidable necessity for draining water out of the kari lands to facilitate paddy cultivation?

Mr. P. Joseph John : (a) and (b) Yes.

Travancore Bank Ltd.

184. * Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Directors in the Travancore Bank Ltd. :

(b) the number among them who are Travancoreans ;

(c) the number among them who are non-Travancoreans;

(d) the number of shares allotted by the Bank to Travancoreans ; and

(e) the number of shares allotted by the Bank to non-Travancoreans.

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : (a) 12.

(b) 4.

(c) 8.

(d) & (e) 58,400 shares for Rs. 14,60,000 to Travancoreans and 1,51,000 shares for Rs. 37,75,000 to non-Travancoreans. In the allotment of shares, Travancoreans were shown preference by allotting 40 per cent. of their applications while non-Travancoreans were allotted only about 22 per cent. The Government of Travancore, small applicants for ten shares and the Directors were however allotted in full. Applications for shares below ten were rejected as the shares were over-subscribed.

Leper Colony.

185. * Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state the increase in the number of patients admitted to the Leper Colony at Noornad in 1121 over that of admissions in 1120 ?

Mr. S. John (*Surgeon-General*) : The increase over 1120 for the 1st 11 months is 287.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : കൂടുതൽ രോഗികളെ അഡ്മിറ്റ് ചെയ്യുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു അതനുസരിച്ച് സ്ഥലസൗകര്യം കൂടി ഉള്ളതായി അനുഭവപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. S. John : സ്ഥലസൗകര്യം ഉണ്ട്.